

## REMARKS

Claims 1-72 are now pending in the application. In the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1, 21, and 41 without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in one or more continuing applications. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for courtesy extended during the Examiner Interview on May 25, 2005.

In the office action, the Examiner objected to the dependencies of Claims 62 and 66. Claims 62 and 66 were amended to depend from Claims 61 and 65, respectively. Therefore, this objection is now moot.

## ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

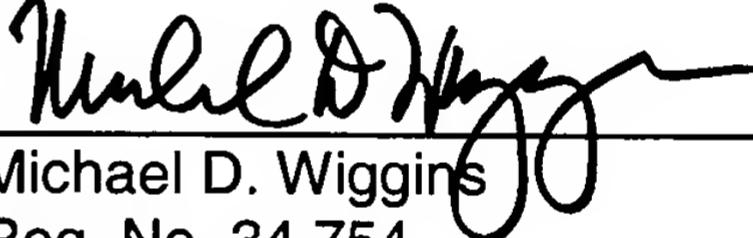
The Examiner states that Claims 4, 8-15, 17-19, 24, 28-35, 37-39, 44, 48-55, 57-59 and 61-72 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has amended Claims 4, 8, 11, 28, 31, 44, 48, 51, 61, 63 and 65 to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The remaining claims are either directly or indirectly dependent upon Claims 4, 8, 11, 28, 31, 44, 48, 51, 61, 63 and 65 and are allowable for at least similar reasons.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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